

# Humanitarian aid, medical supplies delivered to earthquake survivors



A merchant vessel carrying China-donated fabricated houses arrives at Yangon Port, where the handover ceremony is held.

**D**UE to the Mandalay earthquake that struck on 28 March 2025, damage was reported in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Magway Region, Shan State, and Bago Region.

Domestic and international donors and philanthropists have provided humanitarian assistance, including essential supplies and medicines, and an official announcement regarding these support activities from 28 April to 4 May has

been released.

From 5 to 12 May, out of the tarpaulin, foodstuffs, commodities, water purifiers, medicines donated by Vietnam, Malaysia, Brazil and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the medicines and med-

ical supplies were handed over to the Healthcare Work Committee (Ministry of Health), and the remaining supplies were also distributed depending on the number of victims.

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## Print, Sign & ICT Expo 2025 set for YCC

**M**YANMAR Digital Printing & Signage Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Computer Industry Association and Myanmar Computer Professional Association will jointly host the Print, Sign & ICT Expo 2025 at the Yangon Convention Centre on 16-18 May 2025.

The expo will showcase large format printers, DTF printers, UV printers, display equipment, laser machines, fi-

bre machines, bending machines, LED lighting equipment, acrylic, computers, laptops and printers, spare parts, latest development and services across various signage categories, ICT and printing.

Those enthusiastic can enquire about details through the contact number at 09 880914522 (MDPSEA Office) or email [mdpsea.mm@gmail.com](mailto:mdpsea.mm@gmail.com). — NN/KK

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By Sann Ni Lar Winn

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# NATIONAL

## Leveraging Agricultural Strength for Export Growth through Nationwide Collaboration

OUR country has a strong foundation for successfully operating agricultural and livestock activities and is strategically positioned to export these products based on market demand.

Collaboration among all departmental officials and citizens is essential for the development of agriculture and livestock farms.

*(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with members of the Shan State government and regional- and district-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)*

### Myanmar Gazette

## Heads of Service Organization transferred and appointed Appointment of Heads of Service Organizations confirmed

1. The State Administration Council has transferred and appointed U Aung Htay Win, Director-General of the Department of Labour Relations under the Ministry of Labour, as the Director-General of the Minister's Office of the same ministry from the date he assumes charge of his duties.
2. The State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names after the one-year probationary period.

(a)	U Naing Myo Han	Managing-Director No 2 Mining Enterprise Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
(b)	U Kyaw Kaung Cho	Director-General Department of Bridges Ministry of Construction

## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7 pm Tuesday 13 May 2025)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Southwest monsoon has advanced into the southern Myanmar areas, Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay. Weather is partly cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 14 May 2025:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Shan States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Upper Sagaing Regions and scattered in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay, Lower Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Mon State. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULO-NIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan States. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7 - 9 feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 5 - 7 feet in off and along Rakhine Coast.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 May 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 May 2025:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 May 2025:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100 per cent. — DMH

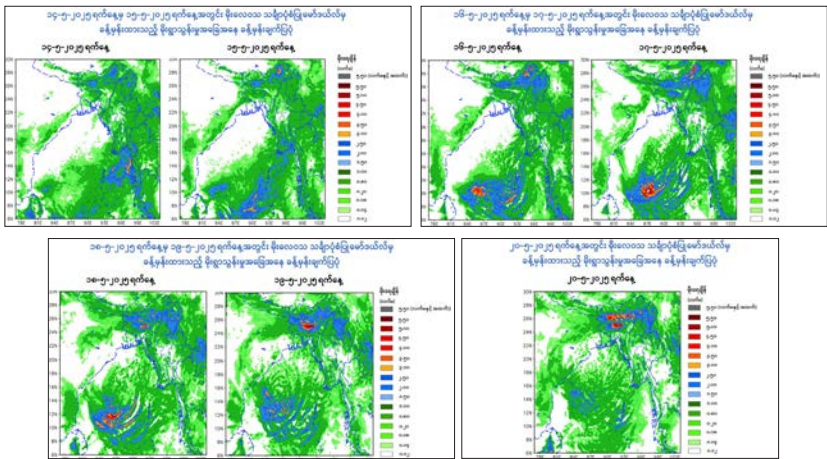
## Heavy Rainfall Warning 7

Issued at 7:30 pm MST on 13 May 2025

ACCORDING to the observations at 5:30 pm MST today, due to the unstable air condition over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal, continuations of southwest monsoon advancement and development of the convective clouds, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, and Shan States from tonight to 16 May 2025 and fairly widespread to widespread in Sagaing Region and Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Shan States and scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Magway, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, and Mon States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in some areas during 17 May 2025 to 20 May 2025.

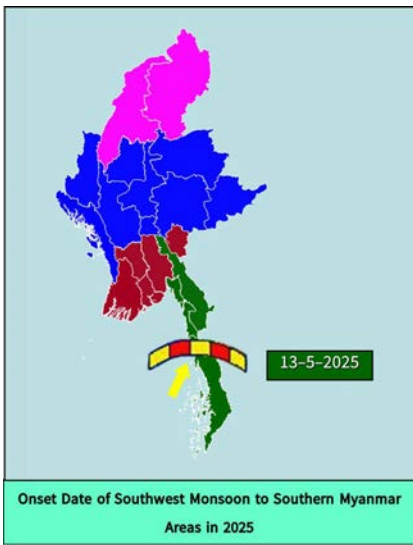
### Advisory

People should be aware of the natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strike, lightning, hails, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH



## Condition of Southwest Monsoon advancement into the southern Myanmar areas

Issued on 13 May 2025 "Southwest monsoon has advanced into the southern Myanmar areas, Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay of Bengal." — DMH



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# NATIONAL

## Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

*(Excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)*

## DPM MoPF Union Minister inspects emergency shelters

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Min Htut and departmental officials, yesterday inspected the locations for the installation of prefabricated houses.

During the inspection, the Deputy Prime Minister emphasized the need to place the prefabricated houses system-

atically, ensure access to water, electricity and sanitation, and complete the processes before the monsoon. — MNA/KTZH

Deputy Prime Minister MoPF Union Minister U Win Shein views the location for prefabricated houses for staff.



### Government of the Union of the Republic of Myanmar Ministry of Education Department of Higher Education Announcement of opening for day classes

THE Department of Higher Education, under the Ministry of Education, hereby announces that undergraduate and postgraduate classes at universities and degree colleges will commence on 2 June 2025. Applications will be accepted daily from 9 am to 4 pm, starting on 22 May 2025.

Department of Higher Education  
Ministry of Education

## Myanmar continues receiving local, global quake aid

SINCE the powerful earthquake that struck on 28 March, search and rescue teams from the Myanmar Fire Brigade, along with local and international rescue organizations, have been conducting emergency operations in the affected areas without delay.

Both local donors and philanthropic individuals have been

providing financial aid and relief supplies to those affected by the disaster. Similarly, foreign governments, international organizations, and charitable donors have been offering monetary and material assistance.

Between 4 pm on 12 May and 4 pm on 13 May, various forms of international assistance arrived at Yangon In-

ternational Airport, including medications, tents, and sleeping bags, weighing a total of 0.141 tonne from India.

Updates will continue to be provided regarding the financial and material donations from both local and foreign philanthropists to support the affected communities. — MNA/MKKS

## Day 2 offers fair-priced construction supplies for quake survivors

THE second-day event to sell iron, steel, cement and construction materials to the people affected by the earthquake continued in Taboung Ground near the Uppatasanti Pagoda with a large crowd of visitors yesterday.

The booths of construction materials were crowded with visitors across the nation.

U Arkar Doe from Pobbathiri Township said, “I came here to buy cement. We need to queue to buy the materials. I also thank the organizations as they sell the quality iron, steel, cement and construction materials at cheap prices during this period. I want to buy cement to repair my house, which was destroyed by the earthquake. The cement buyers are required to carry a national identity card, a record photo, a household list (copy),

address and phone number. Officials also explained us very well.”

Daw Htay Htay Lwin from Pyinmana said, “I heard about this event for quake survivors from my friend, and I came here to buy cement and other construction materials. The products are quality, and the prices are also fair.”

UMFCCI also organized the MSIA-Talk Show, and Sayagyi U Kyi Tha led the show under the topic “The Rise of Criminal Cases with Technological Advancement”.

UMFCCI, Myanmar Iron and Steel Association, Myanmar Steel Association, Myanmar Cement Association and Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association jointly organized this event until 18 May. — Min Kyaw Swa/KTZH



# NATIONAL

## Volunteer-led rescue, rehab efforts ongoing in quake zones

TATMADAW members, Myanmar Police Force members, foreign rescue squads and volunteers are making concerted efforts in rescue and rehabilitation operations in the Mandalay earthquake-affected areas.

Lt-Gen Thet Pon from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) yesterday inspected the clearing of debris at damaged and collapsed buildings, including religious edifices, affected by the Mandalay earthquake in Sagaing and on Sagaing Hill.

He attended the ceremony to provide K21.365 million for rice and construction materials and for families of those who lost their

lives and sustained injuries in the earthquake by the Department of Disaster Management, kitchen utensils by AHA Centre and personal goods by China at the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gymnasium in Sagaing. He also observed the sale of construction materials for the earthquake-affected people.

At Mandalay University, Lt-Gen Myo Moe Aung from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the removal of debris at damaged buildings and presented foodstuffs to teachers. He visited the place of Mingala Market at the corner of 73<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> streets in Chanayethazan Township and inspected the sale



Lt-Gen Thet Pon inspects recovery efforts in Sagaing yesterday.

of construction materials at fair prices to the earthquake-affected people.

Lt-Gen Soe Tint Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) looked into the clearing of debris at collapsed religious buildings and the systematic handover of relic objects to officials in Pyigyidagun Town-

ship. He viewed the removal of damaged parts at the No 2 Basic Education High School in Amrapura Township and met with students and teachers, preparing for the matriculation examination at the camp.

Lt-Gen Myo Thant Naing from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) viewed the

repair of the tilted Kyaukhitta Pagoda and other religious buildings at Shwemuhtaw Pagoda in Kyaukse. He also oversaw the sale of construction materials for the quake-affected buildings in Singaing Township and the construction of modular houses for the relevant departments. — MNA/TTA

## 336 foreign telecom fraud suspects repatriated

A total of 336 foreign nationals involved in telecom fraud and related crimes were repatriated to their home countries through the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge II, according to official sources. The move was carried out as per international legal procedures, with consideration for humanitarian principles and bilateral friendship.

These individuals illegally entered Myanmar through border routes from neighbouring countries, including Thailand, and were operating illegal online gambling and scam activities in areas such as Myawady-Shwe Kokko, Maetawthalay (KK Park), and Kyaukkhat in Kayin State. The group included 35

Pakistani nationals, one South African, 211 Vietnamese nationals, and 89 Ethiopian nationals.

To ensure proper procedures and smooth coordination

for the repatriation process, Kayin State Minister for Social Affairs U Saw Tun Aung and relevant officials met with interdepartmental teams on the

morning of the repatriation. They inspected the repatriation process, ensuring accuracy and completeness of documentation and addressed any necessary follow-ups.

Following the inspection, a formal handover ceremony was held. Attendees included Minister U Saw Tun Aung and officials from Myanmar, as well as representatives from the embassies of the countries concerned. Myanmar officials formally handed over all related documentation for the repatriation to the respective embassy representatives.

From 30 January to 13 May 2025, Myanmar authorities apprehended a total of 9,059 foreign

nationals who had entered the country illegally. Of these, 8,132 individuals were repatriated to their home countries via Thailand, while the remaining 927 foreign nationals are currently being prepared for transfer and are under secure custody.

Myanmar authorities are actively working to identify, arrest and take strong legal action against foreign nationals involved in online scam operations, particularly those who are masterminds behind such schemes. Simultaneously, efforts are ongoing to promptly repatriate foreign nationals who were victimized or trafficked, in close cooperation with their respective governments. — MNA/KZL



Immigration processes are underway for the deportation of undocumented foreign entrants.

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Over 190,000 acres of summer paddy harvested

A total of 267,078 acres of summer paddy were cultivated in Yangon Region during the summer paddy season. As of the second week of May, over 190,000 acres have already been harvested, and the harvesting process is expected to be completed by the end of May, according to the regional Agriculture Department.

The region is estimated to plant 250,896 acres of summer paddy in 2025, and it has already cultivated 267,078 acres, and expanded 16,182 acres than the previous year. The harvesting processes are in progress in respective townships, and this year per-acre yield is 93.4 baskets.

“As we receive adequate water, we can grow more summer paddy than last year. The department also cooperates with the farmers to provide tech-

niques, and so the production rate becomes higher. Although we used a manual system in the past, we now use machinery, and so the plantation fields and

the incomes of the farmers are on the rise. The average production rate is over 90 baskets per acre, but some produce over 100 baskets. In May, we will har-

vest all the summer paddy. After the summer paddy, we will keep cultivating the monsoon paddy. The rice sufficiency rate has been increasing year by year,

ensuring food security, and we are grateful to the farmers for their continued efforts and cooperation in making this possible,” said Daw Hla Kyi, assistant director of the department.

The regional government provided 8,000 drum seeders in the townships, and it expanded to 85,726 acres in 2024 and 106,242 acres in 2025 under the seeder system. The summer paddy is grown in eight districts, and the Twantay district produced the highest amount of summer paddy.

The department provides the needed assistance to plant the monsoon paddy in the region, and the remaining harvesting processes for Sin Thukha, 90-day, Thee Htet Yin, GW-11, Vietnam, glutinous rice and other short-term paddy will be completed this month. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH



Farmers are working with a rice combine harvester in the paddy field. PHOTO: KANU

MNREC designates “Wahywet Protected Public Forest” to preserve biodiversity



The Wahywet Protected Public Forest and its vicinities,

EXERCISING authority under Section 6 (e) of the 2018 Forest Law, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MNREC) declared 6,383 acres in Thazi Township, Meiktila District, Mandalay Region, as the “Wahywet Protected Public Forest” through Order 43/2025

on 30 April 2025.

The designation by MNREC aims to preserve biodiversity, regulate climate, conserve tropical forests, reduce temperature, and maintain a green environment by establishing reserved forests and protected public forests.

The designation of the

Wahywet Protected Public Forest aims to safeguard significant tree species, protect endangered wildlife and other fauna, and provide benefits such as increased forest cover, improved soil quality, groundwater conservation, and a more favourable climate. — MNA/MKKS

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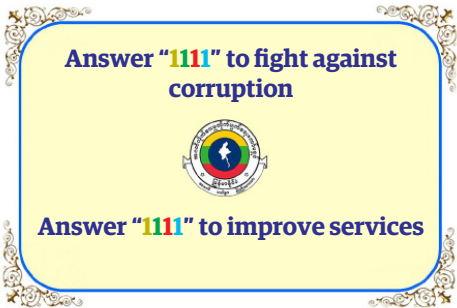
THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to curb corruption effectively.

The ACC used SMS on mobile phones to ask the public who sought services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via short code No “1111” for feedback, including the public feedback programme (PFP).

According to the PFP, the proper replies of the citizens via short code No “1111” will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.

Therefore, the public should reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at short code “1111”. Such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

Anti-Corruption Commission





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Kyaukka Shweguni Pagoda to host consecration, Pujania festival



A glimpse of the Kyaukka Shweguni Pagoda in Monywa Township.

THE consecration ceremony and Buddha Pujaniya festival of Kyaukka Shweguni Pagoda, located in Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> waning of Kason, 1387 ME, according to U Htun Aye, a member of the Kyaukka Shweguni Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The Buddha Pujaniya festival of Kyaukka Shweguni Pagoda was celebrated every year until 2019. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, from around 2021 onwards, the traditional festival procession has not been held. Instead, the festival is now marked annually with the consecration ceremony and offering of meals to monks at dawn.

U Htun Aye stated, “On the 8<sup>th</sup> waning of Kason, at dawn, twelve eminent monks will be invited, and meals will be offered to them. The consecration ceremony will also be held at the pagoda”.

The Kyaukka Shweguni Pagoda and the sacred image are open for people to worship daily from 6 am to 11 am. On sabbath days and days of religious significance, the pagoda remains open from 6 am to 4 pm. Devotees can make merit by gilding the sacred image with gold foils, which are sold at K2,000 per leaf by the Board of Trustees. — ASH/MKKS

Myanmar ambassador attends Kason Full Moon Buddha Day ceremony in Nepal

U Myo Myint Maung, Myanmar Ambassador to Nepal, attended the Kason Full Moon Buddha Day ceremony held in Nepal on 12 May.

The ceremony is traditionally attended alternately by the President and the Prime Minister of Nepal each year. This year, Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and other Nepali officials participated in the event.

At the ceremony held in Kathmandu, Myanmar Ambassador U Myo Myint Maung delivered a commemorative speech related to Buddha Day.

In Nepal, Kason Full Moon Buddha Day ceremonies are held annually at the national level in Lumbini and Kathmandu (Swayambhu). — Htun Htun/KNN



The Kason Full Moon Buddha Day ceremony in progress in Nepal.

‘Nay Ma Win Ywa’ hits cinemas 16 May

THE Myanmar film ‘Nay Ma Win Ywa’ (The Village Where the Sun Never Sets) is set to premiere in cinemas on 16 May, according to Academy Tun Tun, who plays a leading role in the film.

Academy Tun Tun not only stars in the film but also wrote the story based on his emotional insights. The script was developed by Min Ko Soe (Nat Thankwin), and the film was directed by Aung Chan Luu for Lotus Film Production.

“This film portrays a theatrical troupe that arrives in a strange village and finds themselves mysteriously trapped there. As they try repeatedly to escape, they experience a series of hilarious and terrifying events. Audiences will feel a mix of laughter, suspense and emotion throughout the film,” said Academy Tun Tun.



This image showcases a poster for the ‘Nay Ma Win Ywa’ movie.

The film features a star-studded cast including Academy Tun Tun, Phyo Ngwe Soe, Academy Kyaw Kyaw Bo, Tin Maung San Min Win, Wai Phyo, Phu Sone, Snow Kyi Phyu, Zwe Yati, Hngetpyaw Kyaw, Sin Ma and many other artistes. — ASH/KZL

Sagaing Fair offers low-cost quake-resilient materials

THE Building Materials Fair (Sagaing), taking place at the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gymnasium in Sagaing, Sagaing Region, from 12 to 16 May, aims to provide affordable building materials to residents of the city affected by the Mandalay earthquake, according to the organizing committee.

“The fair will also feature affordable homes worth K5.9

million, measuring 20 feet long, 15 feet wide, and 9.5 feet high. If you want to donate an affordable house displayed at the fair, the donor or the District Disaster Management Committee will build it,” said an official from the committee.

The fair features 22 stalls selling cement, bricks, bamboo sheets, zinc roofing sheets, pipes, electrical accessories,

and other building materials at affordable prices.

Similar fairs are planned in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, and Sagaing to sell construction materials at affordable prices for the reconstruction of areas affected by the Mandalay earthquake. Additionally, a fair is being held from 12 to 27 May at the Nay Pyi Taw Tabaung Ground. — ASH/TH



This photo showcases the Building Materials Fair (Sagaing) taking place in Sagaing from 12 to 16 May.



# Customs urges completion of pending MACCS trade documents

THE Customs Department notified importers and exporters, and customs declaration filers to complete the pending trade documentation under the Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS). Additionally, post-clearance audits with the Other Government Agencies (OGAs) are also required to be finalized.

Therefore, the Customs Department notified importers and exporters to cooperate in

resolving pending status when contacted by Customs.

Export activities must be carried out only after obtaining licences through automatic licensing and non-automatic licensing systems on the Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 platform, according to the Department of Customs' Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System's notification 008/2025 dated 2 May. The Trade Department has already notified that, according to Bulletin 3/2025 of the

Trade Department. While filling in declarations under MACCS, additional information on the licence declaration and licence balancing must be carried out according to the previous procedures. The Trade Department notified on 1 April that export activities were allowed without seeking licences for the whole of April, following a post-earthquake network connecting errors in quake-stricken regions. — NN/KK



The facade view of the office building of the Customs Department in Yangon.



An aerial drone view of the Central bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Yangon.

## CBM sells US\$820K, THB1.5M on 12 May

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$820,000 and 1.5 million baht on 12 May.

CBM also injected over 3.6 million baht on 9 May again into the financial market after over 5.3 million baht and 723,000 yuan on 8 May, and \$710,000 on 7 May into the financial market.

CBM announced on 6 May that it would sell \$33 million and 200 million baht to those engaged in the fuel oil industry. CBM sold 397,843 yuan on that day.

CBM injected over \$42 million, over 20 million baht and 500,000 yuan in April, over \$126 million, 320 million baht and 3.6 million yuan in March, over \$88 million, 7.5 million

yuan and 161 million baht in February and over \$124 million, over 13.8 million baht and over 4.8 million yuan in January. CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been collaborating with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate, depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

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Out of 30,000 tonnes of diesel and 20,000 tonnes of petrol donated by China, 18,000 tonnes of diesel arrived at Thilawa Port in Yangon on 2 May and 17,000 tonnes of petrol on 7 May. The Ministry of Energy kept the donation systematically and used it in rehabilitation and rehabilitation processes.

Of 500 prefabricated offices donated by China, 340 arrived at Yangon Thilawa Port on 2 May, and 216 were distributed to Nay Pyi Taw on 6 May, while 80 were sent to Mandalay Re-

gion and 44 to Nay Pyi Taw on 12 May.

Moreover, out of 4,500 prefabricated houses donated by China, 1,576 arrived at Yangon Thilawa Port on 9 May, and 216 were distributed to Mandalay and Sagaing regions on 9 May, while 184 were sent to Nay Pyi Taw on 11 May by train.

The donated items received within one week are distributed to the quake survivors and staff in Nay Pyi Taw under the arrangement of Nay Pyi Taw Council and relevant ministries, and rele-

vant governments in Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region and Shan State.

To date, 57 vehicles loaded with relief materials have been distributed to Mandalay Region, while 29 to Sagaing Region and nine to Shan State (South).

The inventory of distribution of donated items by the international donors from 5 to 12 May is mentioned in the separate spreadsheets. The distribution processes will be released once a week. — MNA/KTZH

## Public Health Dept seeks to outsource security for eight warehouses

THE Public Health Department's Tender Acceptance and Evaluation Committee invited security companies to submit a tender in an open process to handle security needs at eight warehouses in the Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon areas.

Those security companies holding registration in Myanmar can submit bids to provide security services at four warehouses and office departments, each in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw, through the

current expenditure budget of the 2025-2026 financial year.

The tender form can be purchased at Office 47 of the department in Nay Pyi Taw. Tender proposals must be submitted by noon on 30 May as per tender rules and regulations, with tender number: Tender 1: Security (2025-2026).

Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the department at 067 3431085 and 067 3431077. — NN/KK



## Efficiently utilize natural resources for the development of the country

THE development of electric power is a fundamental pillar of national growth and economic prosperity. Electricity is essential for economic advancement and improving the population’s living standards in line with progress. Consequently, the average per capita electricity consumption in a country is a key indicator of both its economic development and the standard of living of its citizens.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources and has the potential to generate sufficient electricity. However, two main issues contribute to the current shortage: electricity production remains below demand, and the transmission and distribution systems are inadequate. Despite its capacity for power generation, challenges in these sectors continue to cause a lack of reliable electricity.

In Myanmar, the abundance of water resources means that most of the country’s electricity comes from hydropower plants. Natural gas power plants are the second-largest source of electricity. Only a small number of facilities use coal or other sources for power generation. In developed countries, the annual per capita electricity production in kilowatts is high, while in developing countries like Myanmar, per capita electricity consumption remains low. Countries around the world prioritize building hydroelectric power projects in regions with abundant water resources. This strategy helps conserve other natural energy sources, such as coal and oil, while also reducing carbon dioxide emissions and minimizing environmental damage from electricity generation. Developed nations, in particular, are increasingly turning to renewable energy sources like hydroelectric, wind, and solar power.

Several solar power plants have been constructed and are currently generating electricity in Thazi Township of Mandalay Region as a reliable source to generate electricity. Currently, as generating electricity in Myanmar has declined due to various factors, entire people, including relevant departmental personnel, have to make utmost efforts to repair and reconstruct power generation facilities, which have since been restored to 80 per cent of production capacity that is currently supplied to the national grid. Continued efforts are essential to further improve socioeconomic conditions.

Myanmar, a country rich in natural resources, is actively renovating, upgrading, and constructing hydroelectric power plants. In addition, it is enhancing the development of natural energy projects and striving to expand the production of renewable solar energy. Solar energy initiatives have been implemented since earlier times and now play a significant role in electricity distribution. To further expand the use of solar energy, cooperation is essential at all levels, from individual households to large-scale producers.

Several solar power plants have been constructed and are currently generating electricity in Thazi Township of Mandalay Region as a reliable source to generate electricity. Currently, as generating electricity in Myanmar has declined due to various factors, entire people, including relevant departmental personnel, have to make utmost efforts to repair and reconstruct power generation facilities, which have since been restored to 80 per cent of production capacity that is currently supplied to the national grid. Continued efforts are essential to further improve socioeconomic conditions.

“WORLD Meditation Day” is observed on 21 December each year, a date declared by the United Nations Assembly to promote awareness of meditation and its benefits for mental and physical well-being.

Since my life of public service as an editor to chief editor, I learned and practised daily with the insight meditation of the Theravada Buddhism because of knowing how to escape from suffering, old age, sickness and death. (Anicca= အနိစ္စ “Anatta”= အနတ္တ) I often went to the insight-meditation centre of “Ledi Sayadaw”, “Mogok Sayadaw”, “Mahasi Sayadaw” and “Sayagyi U Ba Khin” in Yangon.

Theravada Buddhism teaches two kinds of Meditation:

(1) Samatha-bhavana(သမထဘာဝနာ) = Concentration Meditation

(2) Vipassana-bhavana (ဝိပဿနာဘာဝနာ) = Insight Meditation

Samatha-bharvana aims at gaining concentration or one-pointedness of Mind, and Vippassana-bhavana enables the practitioner to purify their Minds and acquire an insight into the real nature of all phenomena.

Technically speaking, concentration is the basis of insight. It is developed by fixing one’s mind on a chaser object, say, a Buddha image, candlelight, a circular disc pointed in a particular colour or on breathing. Buddhist commentaries elaborate on forty varieties of such meditation objects, but the list may be extended indefinitely.

Insight meditation, on the other hand, is practised through the application of one’s mind to the nature of things to be constantly mindful of one’s physical and mental activities, so one may be able to penetrate deeply into the real nature of existence and do away with own mental impurities. In short, insight meditation is the direct purification method to cleanse one’s mind of evils.

Both concentration and insight meditation can be developed side by side, and the development of one helps in the cultivation of the other. But ultimately, it is only insight meditation that, when perfected, leads man to the highest wisdom and cleanses his mind of all impurities, once and for all.

Both kinds of meditation can be practised and applied in our daily lives. Both are of immense benefit to traction. Of all the many aspects of the Buddhist religion, meditation occupies a very important place of interest, especially in the west countries. In several Asian nations, like Myanmar, Japan, Thailand and Sri Lanka, where Buddhism is still very much a living force, it enjoys a long and uninterrupted tradition, receiving in more recent years even wider recognition among the populace.

As science and technology become increasingly developed, people have more and more cause to realize the relevance and significance of Buddhist meditation to life.

Meditation is a means of mental development. In Buddhism, the mind is the most important component of the entire



Meditation is a means of mental development. ILLUSTRATION: CONCEPT ART

# Theravada Buddhism and Insight Meditation

By Sann Ni Lar Winn

human entity. Meditation is the training of the mind, and because the mind is the most important factor that manipulates and controls our actions and speech, the practice of meditation can bring infinite benefits to us in life. Below are the best advantages of meditation:

- (1) Meditation helps to calm the mind and get it better organized.
  - (2) Meditation strengthens our will-power and enables us to face all problems and difficulties with confidence.
  - (3) Meditation makes us think positively.
  - (4) It improves our efficiency at work by helping us to concentrate better and by sharpening our mental faculties.
  - (5) It frees us from worries, restless ness, etc.
  - (6) Meditation increases our mental health and therefore has a positive effect, to a large extent, on our physical health.
  - (7) It cleanses our mind of defilements. (Kilesa = ကိလေသာ)
- Let me roughly describe the “Defile-

ment” as follows, according to the noble Theravada Buddhism.

The “Defilement” means mind-defiling factor; impurity. There are ten kinds of mind-defiling factors have been enumerated as:

- (a) Greed (Lobha = လောဘ = လိုချင်တက်မက်ခြင်း)
  - (b) Hatred (Dosa = ဒေါသ = အမုက်ထွက်ခြင်း)
  - (c) Bewildment (Moha = မောဟ = တွေ့စေခြင်း)
  - (d) Conceit (Mona = မာန = ထောင်လွှားခြင်း)
  - (e) Doubt (Vicikiecha = ဝိစိကိစ္ဆာ=ယုံမှားခြင်း၊ မခံ့မမြတ်ခြင်ခြင်း)
  - (f) Mental Torpor = (Htina = ထိနာ = တိုင်းမှိုင်းခြင်း)
  - (g) Restlessness = (Uddhacc = ဥဒ္ဓစ္စ = မတည်ငြိမ်ခြင်း၊ ပျံ့လွင့်ခြင်း)
  - (h) Shamelessness = (To do evil = အဟိရိက = Aheika= မကောင်းပြုလုပ်ရမည်ကိုမရှက်ခြင်း)
  - (i) Not fearing to evil = (Anottappa = မကောင်းပြုရမည်ကိုမကြောက်မရွံ့ခြင်း)
- Because of attaching firmly, the “De-

filement” (Kilasa = ကိလေသာ) men and women cannot escape from “suffering” (ဒုက္ခ) or Sansayar (သံသရာ) or life= circle (ဘဝသံသရာ).

(8) Meditation creates in us virtuous qualities like kindness, inner peace, humbleness (as opposed to arrogance), a realistic attitude toward life, and prevents us from being influenced by such elements as passion, selfishness, hatred, jealousy or greed.

(9) An untrained person is often dominated by delusion (Avijja) and his own preconceptions, which prevent him from having proper insight into reality. Meditation helps to remove such disadvantages. Meditation should, however, be borne in mind that the degree of benefits a man can derive from such practice depends entirely on the degree of achievement he makes and on how far he can apply meditation to real life. Several factors are important for the success of the practice, for example, a proper atmosphere.

Spiritual preparedness, proper frame of mind, self-confidence, frequency and regularity in practice, and so on.

Mind fullness according to the discourse, four objects may be taken for the practice namely “Body”, “Sensation”, “Mind” and “Mental Objects” (1. Body = Insight Meditation of Body = ကာယာနုယာနာသတိပဋ္ဌာန်) (2. Sensation = Insight Meditation of Venda = ဝေဒနာနုယာနာသတိပဋ္ဌာန်) (3. Mind = Insight Meditation of Citta = ဝိတ္တနုယာနာသတိပဋ္ဌာန်) (4. Mental Objects = Insight Meditation of Dhamma = ဓမ္မာနုယာနာသတိပဋ္ဌာန်). Mindfulness is the key insight of meditation. When practising this type of meditation, one should endeavour to be mindful at all times of one’s activities, mental and physical. Mindfulness should be developed to such an extent that it becomes natural and automatic. When that stage is reached, one can be said to dwell constantly in mindfulness. This is the way to spiritual purification.

Because of regularly practising insight meditation. I often get many good advantages for my life. For example, I fell seriously with a disease called prostate cancer and heart disease, near death, three years ago. However, I fortunately recovered from chronic sickness on account of the good medical treatment and insight meditation. Now I serve daily as a member of the Eaindawya Pagoda trustee as a retired person. Besides with help of guidance from the famous experienced monks of insight meditation, I can explain a conversational demonstration in insight meditation, which is always held every Sunday evening at the Eaindawya Pagoda, Yangon. The Theravada Buddhists always believe in the method of liberation from desire. (Sufferings)

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## I Say What I See: Fake or Real – What’s the Best Choice for Us?

NOT long ago, I purchased a Levi’s belt online, thinking I had found the perfect addition to my wardrobe. However, what arrived was far from genuine – it was a counterfeit. In today’s digital era, online shopping has become the preferred way to buy personal commodities, offering convenience and endless choices. Yet, amidst this vast marketplace, distinguishing authentic products from fraudulent ones has become increasingly difficult. With countless sellers and platforms, consumers often face uncertainty about the legitimacy of their purchases. To navigate this challenge, buyers must adopt a keen sense of awareness and wise decision-making. While the allure of purchasing from the comfort of one’s home is undeniable, ensuring product authenticity is just as crucial as choosing what to buy.

During my time in Bangkok, Thailand, I had access to a wide variety of personal commodities – from shirts and polo shirts to long pants, jeans, slacks, and belts. As a low-income worker, I often sought out branded products at discounted prices, taking advantage of department store sales. These sales made quality brands more accessible to consumers like me. Among my favourites, Arrow stood out as my go-to for shirts – whether long-sleeved or short-sleeved – as well as slacks, belts, and wallets. When it came to jeans, Levi’s was always my top choice, a brand I admired for its style and durability.

From a young age, I was taught the value of discipline and personal presentation by my late father. No matter the circumstances, I took meticulous care of my shirts and pants – washing and ironing them with precision, even though our home in Rangoon had maids to assist with household chores. This routine was more than just upkeep; it was a reflection of respect for my appearance and the items I owned. Over the years, I developed a deep appreciation for quality clothing, holding onto cherished brands like Levi’s and Arrow for a decade or more. These weren’t just garments; they were part of my identity, each piece carrying memories and personal value. But beyond brands, I believe that taking care of ourselves and the things we own – especially personal items like clothing – is a fundamental practice of self-respect and mindfulness. Whether branded or not, our belongings deserve proper care, reflecting the way we value ourselves in everyday life.

Let’s get straight to business – my essay title – before drifting too far into my deep-rooted connection with branded clothing. Last year, while browsing social media, I stumbled upon an online shop and decided to buy a belt – my favourite brand, **Levi Strauss**. The idea of securing a good deal was tempting, especially since I had once purchased a Levi’s belt in Bangkok for nearly **THB1,200** in the 2000s. This time, however, I found one at just **K30,000**, a price far lower than what I had paid years ago. At the time, the exchange rate stood at approximately **K50 per baht**, making my purchase in Bangkok for **THB1,200** equivalent to **K60,000**. By contrast, the belt I bought in Myanmar cost me only **K30,000**, a significantly lower price as the current rate is about **K100 per baht**.

Out of curiosity – and perhaps a bit of scepticism – I proceeded with the purchase, wondering if it would serve as proof of fraudulent products circulating in the online marketplace. Unsurprisingly, when the belt arrived, it was **fake**. Yet, it looked convincing enough to fool an untrained eye. We all know the difference between fake and real – sometimes obvious, sometimes subtle. And despite its questionable authenticity, I have continued using it. My disciplined care for my belongings has allowed this counterfeit piece to last longer than expected, reinforcing that how we handle our possessions often matters more than their authenticity.

In closing, I urge my dear readers to make thoughtful choices – whether selecting branded or non-branded products. Every purchase should be guided by careful consideration, ensuring that what we buy is truly worth its value. Wise decision-making is key to avoiding fraudulent commodities, and it is essential that stronger rules and regulations be enforced to protect vulnerable consumers from exploitation.

At **62 years old**, I have firsthand experience of how authenticity matters – not just in material goods but in life itself. Today, I rely on two **dentures**, replacing my upper and lower teeth. While they serve their purpose, they can never fully replicate the strength of real teeth. This simple truth applies to everything: **a fake can never truly be real**.

That is why I encourage my dear readers to exercise wisdom in your choices. Whether purchasing personal commodities or navigating life’s decisions, let discernment and awareness guide you towards the best possible outcome.

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15<sup>th</sup> Thuta Swesone winners unveiled; Dr Khin Maung Nyo earns lifetime literary honour



The 14<sup>th</sup> Thuta Swesone literary awarding.

SWESONE Media Group says Dr Khin Maung Nyo won the Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement at the 15<sup>th</sup> Thuta Swesone Literary Awarding.

The Thuta Swesone Literary Award, presented by Swesone Media Group since 2006, is one of the prestigious literary awards, and this is the 15<sup>th</sup> award-presentation event for books published between 2018 and 2023.

For 2008, the Outstanding Doctor by Nang Zaw won reference literary award, Don't Forget Me by Bo Aye Myint Kyu won biography award, and for 2009, the Traditions and Customs of Ethnicity by Thein Tun (Myawady) won art knowledge award and for 2020, the Prize of Healthy by Dr Thein Swe (public health) won applied science award.

The Research of Ancient Myanmar Kings' Leadership Skill (the Third Myanmar) by Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing won art knowledge award for 2021, and the Confession of the Business Spy by Nay Zin Latt won translation award, Mg Khit Tun's Letter (Diamond Jubilee literature collection) by Mg Khit Tun won literature award and Myanmar Energy Magnate by Hein Latt won biography award for 2022.

For 2023, For a While in Nippon by Douthtwe won the literature award, the Culture of the Angkor Period by Kyaw Nyunt Yi won the art knowledge award, and the Confession of a Surgeon by Professor Dr Mya Thein Han won the applied science award. The lifetime achievement literary award for 2023 was won by Dr Khin Maung Nyo, said the selection committee.

The prize is K3 million for the lifetime achievement literary award and K1.5 million for each book winner. The awarding ceremony has been scheduled in Yangon soon, and award winners have to contact Swesone Media Group, and phone numbers are 01 385293, 01 392739 and 01 374400. — Htet Oo Maung/ZS

Back-to-school shopping surges ahead of new academic year

WHEN a new academic year is approaching, the trading of school uniforms and school supplies has increased, according to shop owners.

Schools are going to re-open next month and parents have now shopped for school uniforms and school supplies such as backpacks, umbrellas, shoes and stationery.

"Recently, we have had many buyers for school supplies because the new school year is nearing. The trade of school supplies generally rises in May and June," said a shop owner.

Similarly, school uniforms, umbrellas and shoes have been sold well.

"I bought a new school uniform because I want my child to wear a new uniform on the first day of school. I also bought an umbrella, shoes and stationery. I saw many people shopping for school supplies," said a parent. — MT/ZS



This photo captures classroom supplies at the stationery store.

Plants cleared from 7 Bagan pagodas for peaceful pilgrimage

THE Bagan Heritage Trust and the Bagan Archaeology and National Museum Department have been clearing the plants growing on seven pagodas using chemical solutions, according to the BHT.

They conducted plant clearing on pagodas No 1245, No 1249, No 1250, No 1248, No 2005, No 2006, and No 2007, in collaboration with experts from the department.

The BHT and the department are working together regularly to remove and clear the trees growing on the pagoda platforms, including banyan trees. The BHT has also carried out tree removal and clearing of dead trees in recent years to ensure that pilgrims can enjoy the peace of the place.

Bagan, a world cultural heritage site and a popular tourist destination for both domestic and international tourists, is usually crowded with visitors. — MT/ZN



Cleaning the trees growing on the pagoda platforms with chemical solutions.

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# Hyderabad artisans create handcrafted bangles for Miss World 2025 contestants

A family of traditional bangle artisans from Hyderabad's historic Charminar district has captured global attention after designing and crafting personalized hand-made bangles for contestants of the Miss World 2025 pageant.

With over a century of expertise in the art of bangle-making, the family has created custom bangles adorned with each contestant's photograph, an artistic tribute blending personal touch with cultural legacy.

The family, whose craft has been passed down through generations, aims to present the bangles as gifts to all Miss World participants.

Speaking about the initiative, a family member shared that this gesture is intended to showcase Hyderabad's rich tradition and bring attention to India's enduring heritage of

handicrafts.

Seeking government support for their initiative, the artisans have reached out to the Telangana State Government and the Department of Tourism, requesting assistance in delivering the handcrafted bangles to the contestants during the event.

The gesture is being viewed as a heartfelt cultural contribution to the prestigious pageant, which is being hosted in Telangana for the first time.

Hyderabad is currently hosting the 72<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Miss World beauty pageant, with the inaugural ceremony held on 10 May at the National Sports Authority of Telangana.

The event marks a significant milestone for the state, as Telangana welcomes delegates and contestants from around the globe. — ANI



A family of traditional bangle artisans from Hyderabad's Charminar district is gaining global recognition for creating personalized handmade bangles for the Miss World 2025 contestants. PHOTO: ANI

# 70% of Chinese people want to lose weight: white paper

The white paper indicated that half of Chinese adults misjudge their body mass index (BMI), and 14 per cent of those who believe they are healthy are actually classified as overweight based on BMI measurements.



Participants in the group fitness activity enthusiastically pedalled together during the cycling session, enjoying both the exercise and the camaraderie of their fellow cyclists. PHOTO: ZHANG BOWEN / XINHUA

CHINA has witnessed increasing public awareness of weight control, with 70 per cent of its people hoping to lose weight and more than 60 per cent willing to spend time and effort on achieving this goal.

This was revealed by a white paper on the health and weight control of Chinese adults, which was made public at an obesity prevention conference held in Foshan, south China's Guangdong Province, on Saturday.

The white paper showed

that half of Chinese adults have made self-assessments that do not match their actual body mass index (BMI), while 14 per cent who consider themselves to be in the healthy range are overweight in terms of the BMI measurement.

Such inaccuracy in self-assessment makes it tougher to prevent and control cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes and other chronic diseases, indicating an insufficient understanding of obesity's risk to health,

according to Liang Xiaofeng, vice-chairman of the Chinese Preventive Medicine Association, the organization which authored the white paper.

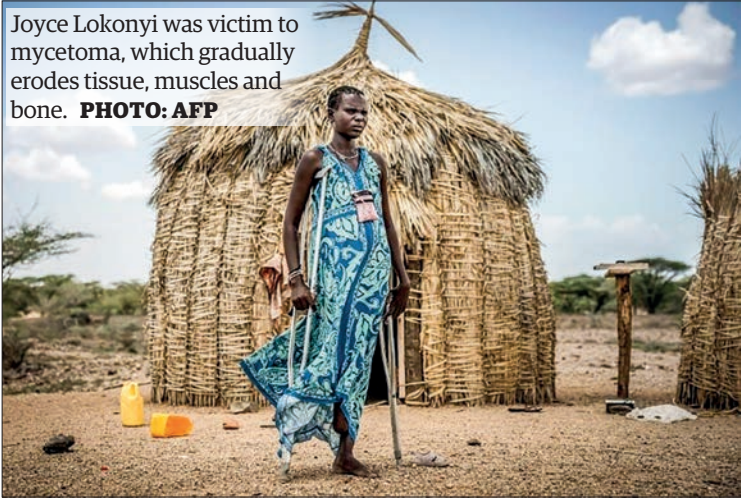
Currently, 34.3 per cent of Chinese adults are overweight and 16.4 per cent are obese, according to the National Health Commission. It warned that 70.5 per cent of Chinese adults would be overweight or obese by 2030 without steps to control the threat – which would result in medical expenses amounting to US\$61 billion. — Xinhua

# Rare bone-eroding disease ruining lives in Kenya's poorest county

IN the heart of Kenya's Turkana County, Joyce Lokonyi embodies the struggle against mycetoma, a devastating disease that has claimed her foot and left her marginalized. This fungal infection, often entering through minor wounds, leads to severe tissue erosion and, ultimately, amputation when it reaches the bone.

Joyce, now 28, recalls the isolation she faced after her amputation, as community members feared contamination. "They said I would leave traces

Joyce Lokonyi was victim to mycetoma, which gradually erodes tissue, muscles and bone. PHOTO: AFP



of the disease wherever I went," she lamented.

Turkana, where 70 per cent of the population lives in poverty, lacks adequate healthcare, making mycetoma a silent epidemic. Recognized as a neglected disease by the World Health Organization only in 2016, it remains poorly understood, with many doctors unaware of its symptoms.

Local health facilities, like Lodwar Hospital, see cases regularly, yet treatment is costly and often inaccessible for subsist-

ence farmers.

Lab technician John Ekai, who has treated over 100 mycetoma patients, expresses concern for those who vanish into the arid landscape, their conditions worsening without care.

Young mother Jennifer Ekal, living with the disease since age 11, fears for her future despite ongoing treatment. "I do not want to think about the worst," she confides, reflecting the uncertainty that haunts many in her community. — AFP



# China concludes peak autumn grain purchase season

CHINA'S 2024 peak autumn grain purchase season has concluded, having reached a "relatively high level" compared to recent years, according to the National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration on Monday. This peak season in China typically begins in mid-to-late September and ends in late April of the following year. During the most recent season, purchases of autumn grain totalled 345 million tonnes nationwide, data from the administration has revealed.

Autumn grain purchases are vital to China's grain security, accounting



An aerial drone photo shows agricultural machines working in corn fields at a farm of Beidahuang Group in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, 12 October 2024.  
**PHOTO: XINHUA**

for nearly 75 per cent of the country's annual grain purchases. Major commodities include rice, corn and soybeans.

Looking ahead to the

upcoming summer grain purchase season, the administration said it will fully unleash market vitality while increasing procurement efforts to maintain

reasonable grain prices. China saw record grain production in 2024, when its annual output surpassed 700 million tonnes for the first time.

According to this year's "No 1 central document," the country will work to safeguard its grain security, with reform, opening-up, and scientific and technological innovation as the driving forces. Grain security has long been a central priority for the Chinese government. With under 10 per cent of the planet's arable land, China feeds one-fifth of the world's population. — Xinhua

# Honda expects 70% drop in FY 2025 profit amid US tariff woes

HONDA Motor Co said Tuesday it expects its net profit for the current fiscal year starting April to plunge 70.1 per cent from a year earlier to 250 billion yen (\$1.7 billion), amid economic uncertainty caused by US President Donald Trump's higher tariffs.

Japan's second-largest carmaker by volume also said its sales are projected at 20.3 trillion yen, down 6.4 per cent from the previous year, with concern mounting that the tariffs could weigh on corporate performance and deal a heavy blow to the global economy.

Honda said the US levies could lower its operating profit by 650 billion yen in fiscal 2025, while possible volatility in the foreign exchange market -- especially involving the US dollar -- is likely to cut it by 452 billion yen.

Major Japanese automakers, including Honda, have been bracing for developments under Trump's protectionist "America First" policy, particularly the additional 25 per cent tariff imposed since April on all vehicles made outside the United States. — Kyodo

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The pesticide manufactured by **Anhui Byter Agriculture Technology Co.,Ltd** and distributed by **Myanmar Golden Byter Co.,Ltd** is changing trade Name as follow,

No	Previous Name	New Name	Registration No
1	<b>Power-Grami</b> (Quizalofop-P-ethyl 10% EC)	<b>Byter-Grami</b> (Quizalofop-P-ethyl 10% EC)	P2020-4948
2	<b>Power-Myat</b> (Haloxyfop-P-methyl 108g/l EC)	<b>Byter-Myat</b> (Haloxvfop-P-methyl 108g/l EC)	P2020-4949

Any Objection regarding to this changing can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

**Myanmar Golden Byter Co.,Ltd.**  
No.125-127, Kha 11<sup>st</sup>, Myoe Thit (A+B) Quarter, Inn Sein Township, Yangon.

Changing Trade Name For Registered Pesticide

The pesticide manufactured by **Anhui Byter Agriculture Technology Co.,Ltd** and distributed by **Myanmar Kete Co.,Ltd** is changing trade Name as follow,

No	Previous Name	New Name	Registration No
1	<b>SPR Benti</b> (Bensulfuron-methyl 4% + Pretilachlor 36% WP)	<b>Byter Benti</b> (Bensulfuron-methyl 4% + Pretilachlor 36% WP)	P2020-4936
2	<b>SPR Grass</b> (Quizalofop-P-ethyl 8.8% EC)	<b>Byter Grass</b> (Quizalofop-P-ethyl 8.8% EC)	P2020-4937
3	<b>SPR MAC</b> (MCPA 53% AS)	<b>Byter MAC</b> (MCPA 53% AS)	P2020-4938

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EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN  
INVITATION FOR BIDS (TENDER NOTICE)

The Embassy of Pakistan, Yangon, invites sealed quotations from eligible and reputed suppliers for the supply of relief food items to be distributed among earthquake-affected people in Myanmar.

Items Required:

- Local Burmese Jeera Rice or equivalent brand– 10,000 kg (1000 bags of 10 kg each) with packing charges.
- Instant Noodles Mama Noodles or equivalent brand – 10,000 packets (1000 cartons of 10 packet each) with packing charges.

Eligibility:

Suppliers must be legally registered in Myanmar and have experience in food supply contracts. All items should conform to relevant food safety standards and be delivered in sealed, market-ready packaging.

Submission of Bids:

- Bidding documents, including detailed technical specifications and terms of the contract, can be obtained from the Embassy's administration office during office hours.
- Sealed bids, clearly marked "supply of relief food items", must be submitted to the Embassy of Pakistan at the address below no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 by 1100 hours.

Opening of Bids:

- Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives at the Embassy premises on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 by 1130 hours.

Address for Submission and Contact:

Embassy of Pakistan  
No. A4, Pyay Road, Diplomatic Quarters, Dagon Township, Yangon  
Phone: 01222881  
Email: acctspakembygn@gmail.com

The Embassy reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason, in accordance with the public procurement rules of the Government of Pakistan.



Gold investments booming in Japan as US tariffs stir economic fears

JAPAN is seeing a boom in gold investment amid heightening concerns over a global economic slowdown caused by US President Donald Trump's hefty tariffs, as investors seek a safe asset seen as unlikely to plummet in the event of turbulence.

The benchmark price of gold set by Tokyo's Tanaka Precious Metal Technologies Co hit an all-time high in yen terms on 22 April, exceeding 17,000 yen (\$115) and surging around 15 per cent in the three months since Trump took office on 20 January.

Products linked to gold price movements have also become popular among investment trusts covered by Japan's tax exemption programme for private investors, known as NISA, while more people have started monthly investments in pure gold.

Among investment trusts, the inflows to the Mitsubishi UFJ fine gold fund that reflects gold prices totalled some 19.2 billion yen in March, up by about 2.6-fold from last December.

The fund ranked fourth last December in investment trusts under the NISA programme in terms of value handled by PayPay Securities Corp but topped the ranking in February and placed second in the following month, it said. — Kyodo

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V CAPE FORBY VOY.NO. (146W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V CAPE FORBY VOY.NO. (146W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **14-5-2025** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

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M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

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Myanma Port Authority

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**Highlights**

Thai Cooking Demo (Thai SELECT Restaurants)

Meet the star **Min Phone Myat**

earns a lucky draw coupon for chances to win shopping vouchers, Thai movie tickets, and Thai SELECT restaurant vouchers.

An Opening Ceremony will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM) at marketplace, Golden Valley branch, Thai SELECT cooking demonstrations, and an appearance by Min Phone Myat.

This initiative aims to boost market growth for Thai products, strengthen Thai brand image, stimulate retail sales, and reinforce Thailand's cultural and trade presence in Myanmar. The campaign is supported by participating Thai brands, distributors, and Thai SELECT restaurants.

Consumers are invited to visit City Mart, Ocean, and marketplace branches to experience the "Flavors of Thailand."

The Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP), Thailand, Royal Thai Embassy in Yangon, Thai Commercial Office in Yangon and City Mart Holding Ltd. (CMHL) have launched "Flavors of Thailand", a major in-store promotion running from May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The campaign will span 43 of branches City Mart, Ocean, and marketplace nationwide.

This promotion will showcase over 170 authentic Thai products, including foods, beverages, and 21 varieties of Thai fruits. Shoppers can enjoy promotional discounts up to 18% (averaging 10-15%). Additionally, a spend of 30,000 MMK



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Photo taken on 13 May 2025 in Tokyo shows social media app icons displayed on a smartphone screen **PHOTO: KYODO**

Survey shows  
Japanese vulnerable to  
misinformation online: govt

AROUND half of respondents to a survey believed at least one of 15 instances of false information on social media after seeing or hearing about it, the Japanese government's first-ever survey on public awareness of misinformation showed Tuesday.

With the spread of fake news, data and comments becoming a serious problem, the government is eager to accelerate efforts to improve media literacy, as people are often prone to believe unsourced information presented online. Among the respondents, 47.7 per cent were misled.

The survey, conducted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, examined false claims such as the idea that the mass beaching of sardines or whales signals an impending earthquake or results from seismic activity.

One in four who came across such information went on to spread it further by telling family, friends or posting on social media, with 27.1 per cent saying they found the content "surprising" and over 20 per cent describing it as "interesting" or "helpful to others".

Internal affairs minister Seichiro Murakami told reporters that the survey "has highlighted the importance of measures to enhance (media) literacy", with his ministry urging people to be sceptical and to check the veracity of information before spreading it.

The outcome of the latest survey showed 90 per cent of respondents said they recognized the necessity of media and information literacy, but many had not taken any steps to improve their understanding.

The survey was carried out online between March and April, targeting 2,820 people aged 15 or older across the country. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

40 civilians, 11 soldiers killed in Indian strikes on Pakistan last week: military

THE Pakistani military said on Tuesday that at least 40 civilians, including 15 children and seven women, were killed and 121 others injured in Indian missile strikes across Pakistan last week.

According to a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media wing of the Pakistani military, in response, the Pakistan Armed Forces launched a precise retaliatory campaign under Operation Bunyanun Marsoos (Concrete Structure).

While defending the homeland, 11 members of the Pakistan Armed Forces were killed and 78 others sustained injuries, the ISPR said.

The statement added that six of the dead belonged to the Pakistan Army, and five were from the Pakistan Air Force. — Xinhua

Man arrested over suspected arson attacks at British PM's home

A 21-year-old man was arrested early Tuesday in connection with a series of suspected arson attacks, including a fire at a property owned by British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. The Metropolitan Police confirmed that the suspect was detained on suspicion of arson with intent to endanger life. He remains in custody as the investigation continues.

Due to the involvement of a high-profile public figure, the Metropolitan Police's Counterterrorism Command is leading the investigation. The arrest follows three recent fire-related incidents in north London. Emergency services responded to reports of a fire at 1:35 am local time (0035 GMT) on Monday at the entrance of a residential property in Kentish Town. The property, believed to be owned by Starmer and rented out, suffered damage, but no injuries were reported. Starmer lived in the house before moving to 10 Downing Street following the Labour Party's general election victory last year. — Xinhua

Freed Israeli-American hostage Edan Alexander returns to Israel from Gaza

ISRAELI-AMERICAN hostage Edan Alexander arrived in Israel on Monday evening after being released from Gaza, where he was held in Hamas captivity for 19 months, Israel's Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Alexander arrived at southern Israel's Re'im military base adjacent to the Gaza Strip to reunite with his family, who landed only a few hours earlier from the United States.

A photo taken earlier in Gaza showed Alexander, wearing a black T-shirt and a baseball cap, being accompanied by armed Hamas militants and a woman from the Red Cross during a handover process.

Alexander was released following direct talks between Washington and Hamas. US President Donald Trump welcomed the release, writing in a post on his Truth Social platform: "Edan Alexander, the last living American hostage, is being released. Congratulations to his wonderful parents, family, and friends!" — Xinhua



Released hostage Edan Alexander (C) arrives at a reception facility in southern Israel, on 12 May 2025. Israeli-American hostage Edan Alexander arrived in Israel on Monday evening after being released from Gaza, where he was held in Hamas captivity for 19 months, Israel's Defence Ministry said in a statement. **PHOTO: ISRAEL DEFENCE FORCES/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**



# SPORTS



Yangon United and Dagon Port are battling for possession during their league encounter. **PHOTO: MNL**

## U21 MNL: Yangon, ISPE score dominant wins

YANGON United and ISPE FC showcased their supremacy with emphatic 5-0 victories in the MNL U21 Youth League on 13 May, stamping their authority as title contenders.

At Padonma Stadium, Yangon United delivered a ruthless performance against Dagon Port, striking twice before the break and piling on three more in the second half. The floodgates opened in 13 minutes through Htoo Wunna, followed by a composed finish from Maung Top in 24 minutes. After the interval, Kaung

Khant Kyaw bagged a quick-fire brace in 47 and 49 minutes before Nay Bo Bo Htut sealed the rout in 84 minutes. The result shows Yangon United firmly retaining its grip at the top of the table.

Over at South Dagon Stadium, ISPE FC mirrored that dominance with a five-goal dismantling of Hanthawady United, snapping back into form after recent setbacks. Sit Nyein Chan Oo drew first blood in 21 minutes before Saw Aung Myo Oo stole the spotlight with an electrifying

four-goal haul, netting in 22, 25, 32, and 79 minutes. While ISPE celebrated a return to winning ways, Hanthawady were left searching for answers following another disappointing outing.

The league action resumes today with a triple-header: Maha United face Dagon Star United at Padonma Stadium, Thitsar Arman take on Rakhine United at South Dagon Stadium, and Yadanabon clash with Ayeyawady United on the turf of Bahan. — Ko Nyi Lay/ KZL

## Departing Ancelotti has ‘no problem’ with Real Madrid

CARLO Ancelotti said on Tuesday he “has no problem” with Real Madrid ahead of his departure from the club at the end of the season to take over the Brazil national team.

The veteran Italian will become Seleccion boss on 26 May, the day after Madrid’s last La Liga match of the campaign.

The Spanish giants are yet to name a replacement, although Xabi Alonso is a strong favourite to take over after confirming he will leave Bayer Leverkusen.

The Brazilian football federation (CBF) announced Ancelotti’s appointment on Monday, before any official confirmation from Madrid regarding Ancelotti’s departure.

“The CBF issued that statement because I’ll be the coach of Brazil from the 26<sup>th</sup>. Madrid will issue a statement whenever they want, there is no problem,” Ancelotti told reporters on the eve of his team’s match against Real Mallorca.

“I will be the coach of Brazil, which is a challenge, but until then, I’m the coach of Real Madrid and I want to finish in the best possible way.

“I’m focused on the final stretch of this spectacular adventure”.

Ancelotti, who has won 15 trophies including three Champions League titles across two spells at the Santiago Bernabeu, has endured a difficult final season in charge.

Real’s La Liga title defence has faltered with Barcelona on the cusp of the title, while they also lost the Copa del Rey final to their arch rivals and were humbled in the Champions League quarter-finals by Arsenal.

“Football, like life, is an adventure that begins and ends,” added the 65-year-old, who also lifted the European Cup twice as AC Milan coach.

“I’ve always kept in mind that this would end. I’ve had a great time... but in everything in life there comes a time when it ends.

“My seriousness and professionalism demand that I finish well here...

“I’ve never had a problem with the club and I never will”. — AFP

## Alcaraz battles into Italian Open quarterfinals



Spain’s Carlos Alcaraz returns to Russia’s Karen Khachanov during their men’s singles match at the ATP Rome Open tennis tournament at Foro Italico in Rome on 13 May 2025. **PHOTO: AFP**

CARLOS Alcaraz reached the Italian Open quarterfinals on Tuesday after battling past Karen Khachanov 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 to continue his bid for a first Rome title.

Third seed Alcaraz had never lost a set in his previous four meetings with Russia’s Khachanov but was forced to fight on the Foro Italico centre court.

Alcaraz needs to get to the Rome semis not just for a chance at his third title of the season but also to secure a top-two seeding at the French Open which begins later this month.

The Spaniard took his 12<sup>th</sup> clay-court win of the year to set up a clash in the last eight with fifth seed Jack Draper, a winner over

France’s Corentin Moutet.

“It was tiring. You know the match was really tough. I had to run. I had to run a lot,” said Alcaraz.

“I didn’t play well. I just fought and I’m just really happy about it.”

Alcaraz seemed set to cruise through when he rattled off six games in a row to win the first set and the first game of the second.

Khachanov’s fate looked sealed when his serve was broken in game five of the second set, but the big hitter had other ideas and immediately broke back before claiming the set.

And the 28-year-old showed incredible spirit to win three games on the bounce to level the third set at 4-4, just as Alcaraz look certain to win.

But Alcaraz would not be denied and took an entertaining match at the second time of asking.

Later Jannik Sinner faces the first true test of his pre-Roland Garros form when he takes on Argentina’s Francisco Cerundolo. — AFP

## Murray and Djokovic end coaching partnership after six months

ANDY Murray and former rival Novak Djokovic have ended their coaching partnership after six months, the pair announced on Tuesday.

Djokovic stunned the tennis world in November when he hired the retired Murray, who had no track record as a coach.

But the two 37-year-olds have now parted company after a tough start to the season for the 24-time Grand Slam champion, with the French Open looming.

“Thank you, coach Andy, for all the hard work, fun

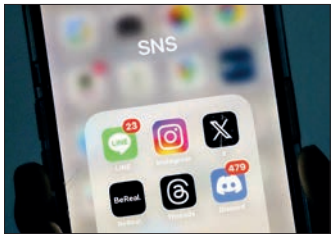
and support over last six months on and off the court, really enjoyed deepening our friendship together,” said Djokovic.

Britain’s Murray, born just a week before the Serb, thanked his former adversary for the chance to work with him.

“Thanks to Novak for the unbelievable opportunity to work together and thanks to his team for all their hard work over the past six months,” Murray said in a statement. — AFP



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## Russia continues to prepare for talks scheduled for 15 May in Istanbul – Kremlin

RUSSIA continues to prepare for negotiations with Ukraine scheduled for 15 May in Istanbul, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Tuesday.

“The Russian side continues to prepare for the talks, which are scheduled to take place on Thursday,” Peskov told reporters.

The Kremlin will announce who will represent Russia at the Istanbul talks as soon as Russian President Vladimir Putin deems it necessary to announce this, the official added.

Europe is entirely on Ukraine’s side and cannot claim a balanced approach in the negotiation process, Peskov added.

Europe’s approach to Ukraine is aimed at continuing the conflict and contrasts with the approach of Moscow and Washington, the official added. — SPUTNIK

## Bomb scare on plane halts operations at Belgian airport

OPERATIONS at Belgium’s second largest airport were briefly suspended on Tuesday due to a bomb alert on a Ryanair flight from Portugal, the company running the airport and the airline said.

Shortly before 11:00 am (0900 GMT) “a bomb threat was triggered” on board an aircraft that landed at Charleroi airport, said a spokeswoman for its operator. “A security perimeter was established around the aircraft,” the spokeswoman said.

This required the runway to be closed as authorities took over, halting operations, she added. Air traffic eventually resumed at 1:45 pm. Charleroi, south of Brussels, is a major European hub for low-cost airline Ryanair, which said the threat concerned one of its planes.

“Ryanair was informed of a security threat on flight FR6313 from Faro to Brussels Charleroi,” the company said.

“Passengers have been disembarked and the aircraft is being prepared for return to service. We sincerely apologize to any passengers affected.” — AFP



Chinese President Xi Jinping poses for a group photo with guests attending the opening ceremony of the fourth ministerial meeting of the China-CELAC (the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States) Forum at the China National Convention Centre in Beijing, capital of China, 13 May 2025. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

## Xi calls on countries to work together for world peace, stability, prosperity

**AS** CHANGES unseen in a century are accelerating and multiple risks are intertwined, only by working together can countries maintain world peace and stability and promote global

development and prosperity, Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday.

There are no winners in tariff wars and trade wars, and bullying and hegemony will only result in self-isolation, Xi said

when delivering a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the fourth ministerial meeting of the China-CELAC (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States) Forum in Beijing. — Xinhua

## Iran says it’s open to temporary uranium enrichment limits



A woman walks past a billboard bearing portraits of slain Iranian and Lebanese leaders in Tehran’s Enghelab square on 11 May 2025. Iran’s foreign minister on 11 May said the country’s right to nuclear enrichment was “non-negotiable”, ahead of the fourth round of talks in Oman with the US over Tehran’s atomic programme. **PHOTO: AFP**

IRAN is open to accepting temporary limits on its uranium enrichment, its deputy foreign minister said Tuesday, while adding that talks with the United States have yet to address such specifics.

Tehran and Washington on Sunday held their fourth round of nuclear talks, which kicked off last month, marking their highest-level contact since the United States in 2018 pulled out of the 2015 nuclear deal. “For a limited period of time, we can accept a series of restrictions on the level and volume of enrichment,” said Deputy Foreign Minister Majid Takht-Ravanchi.

“We have not yet gone into details about the level and volume of enrichment,” he said, quoted by Tasnim news agency.

Iran currently enriches uranium to 60 per cent purity – far above the 3.67 per cent limit set in the 2015 deal but below the 90 per cent needed for weapons-grade material.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Monday that Iran was the only country in the world without nuclear weapons that enriches uranium to that level. — AFP